IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (original) In a controller, a method for determining participants in a net within a group communication network, the method comprising:

sending a message to a communication device, the message being for determining whether the communication device wishes to stay a participant in the net; and

listing the communication device as a participant in the net if the communication device sends a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1, further including deleting the communication device from a list of participants in the net if the communication device does not send a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the message includes information identifying the communication device.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, further including determining latency with respect to the response.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the message includes a message identifier.

6.   (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the response includes information identifying the message identifier.

7.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the response includes information identifying the communication device.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sending includes sending the message to a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

9.   (original) In a communication device, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for determining participants in a net within a group communication network, the method comprising:

sending a message to a communication device, the message being for determining whether the communication device wishes to stay a participant in the net; and

listing the communication device as a participant in the net if the communication device sends a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

10.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method further includes deleting the communication device from a list of participants in the net if the communication device does not send a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

11.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the message includes information identifying the communication device.

12.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method further includes determining latency with respect to the response.

13.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the message includes a message identifier.

14.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the response includes information identifying the message identifier.

15.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the response includes information identifying the communication device.

16.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the sending includes sending the message to a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

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17.   (original) A controller for determining participants in a net within a group communication network, comprising:

means for sending a message to a communication device, the message being for determining whether the communication device wishes to stay a participant in the net; and

means for listing the communication device as a participant in the net if the communication device sends a response to the message within a predetermined time period.   -

18.   (original) The controller of claim 17, further including means for deleting the communication device from a list of participants in the net if the communication device does not send a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

19.   (original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the message includes information identifying the communication device.

20.   (original) The controller of claim 17, further including means for determining latency with respect to the response.

21.   (original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the message includes a message identifier.

22.   (original) The controller of claim 21, wherein the response includes information identifying the message identifier.

23.   (original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the response includes information identifying the communication device.

24.   (original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the sending includes sending the message to a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

25.   (original) A controller for determining participants in a net within in a group communication network, comprising:

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a memory unit for storing information about participants in the net;

a transmitter to send a message to a communication device;

a receiver to receive a response from the communication device; and

a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver, the transmitter, and the memory unit, the processor being capable of:

sending a message to a communication device, the message being for determining whether the communication device wishes to stay a participant in the net; and

listing the communication device as a participant in the net if the communication device sends a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

26.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the processor is further capable of deleting the communication device from a list of participants in the net if the communication device does not send a response to the message within a predetermined time period.

27.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the message includes information identifying the communication device.

28.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the processor is further capable of determining latency with respect to the response.

29.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the message includes a message identifier.

30.	(original) The controller of claim 29, wherein the response includes information identifying the message identifier.

31.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the response includes information identifying the communication device.

32.	(original) The controller of claim 25, wherein the sending includes sending the message to a push-to-talk (PTT) device.